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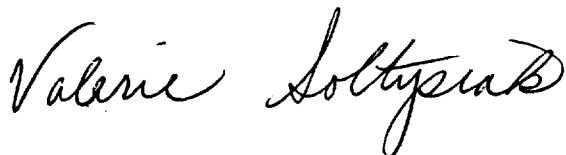
To the FDA:

As a consumer of healthcare services, I disapprove of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

As presently written, the MOU and the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of our choice. I have been receiving compounded medications from an out-of-state pharmacy of my choice for the past 6 years. They have provided excellent service to me, and the medication has been vital in treating my health problems. The MOU also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs.

There should be no restrictions on the delivery of a compounded medication perscribed for me by my doctor, regardless of where I live or may travel. As a government agency, the FDA is accountable to the people. Since this is not a safety issue, the FDA has no right to restrict the public's freedom of choice or information. The MOU is not acceptable to the public, and must be amended!

Sincerely,



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